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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Previously Presented) An inflator bag for a vehicle occupant restraining apparatus being able to expand and develop by a high-pressure gas filled in said inflator bag and is capable of restraining a vehicle occupant by being expanded and developed, comprising:

a box-shaped bag main body having gore portions on surrounding side faces to ensure a height of said box-shaped bag main body, wherein, in said gore portions, a folded line to be folded toward an inside of said box-shaped bag main body is formed in an intermediate portion in a height direction of said gore portions, which is used to allow said gore portions to be folded; and

an overlaid and folded portion formed in an end of said gore portions on said surrounding side faces with corner portions of said box-shaped bag main body being sandwiched between one surrounding side face and another surrounding side face adjacent to said one surrounding side face, wherein said gore portions are folded in a overlaid manner in said overlaid and folded portions at a same time when another gore portion on another surrounding side face is folded,

wherein said box-shaped bag main body is folded in a manner so as to be in a flat state when said gore portions are folded in a manner to form a valley line along said folded line,

wherein said box-shaped main body comprises a flat bottom plate and a ceiling plate opposite said bottom plate, and

wherein the ceiling plate is slanted with respect to the bottom plate.

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2. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said box-shaped bag main body comprises a hermetically sealed structure by blocking a bottom face of said box-shaped bag main body being opposite to a ceiling plate with a bottom plate.

3. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said box-shaped bag main body and said bottom plate are integrally formed.

4. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said box-shaped bag main body includes a resin sheet or a metal sheet.

5. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said box-shaped main body has a rectangular cross-section, wherein a longitudinal side of said box-shaped main body is smaller than a horizontal side of said box-shaped main body, and

wherein opening faces on both sides of a tube-shaped body are blocked with end face plates and side face plates serving as said longitudinal side of said tube-shaped body and said end face plates make up gore portions.

6. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said tube-shaped body comprises plates having unequal wall thicknesses, wherein wall thicknesses of an upper-face plate and a lower-face plate both

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serving as horizontal sides of said tube-shaped body are large, and wall thicknesses of side face plates serving as longitudinal sides are smaller than said wall thicknesses of said upper-face plate and said lower-face plate and wall thicknesses of said end face plates are equal to said wall thicknesses of said side face plates.

7.-9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said inflator bag restrains a hip portion of a vehicle occupant which is mounted in a front lower portion of a seat cushion in a vehicle and expands and develops by being filled with a high-pressure gas at a time of sharp reduction of speed of a vehicle to raise a front seat face of said seat cushion which prevents a vehicle occupant being seated on a seat from being moved forward.

11. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said inflator bag is used for restraining a leg portion of a seated vehicle occupant which is placed in a lower portion of an instrument panel of a vehicle and expands and develops at time of being filled with a high-pressure gas at a time of sharp reduction of speed of a vehicle.

12. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for a vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said box-shaped bag main body comprises an angular-box shaped bag main body.

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13. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said folded portion comprises a triangular folded portion.

14. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said tube-shaped body is angularly tube-shaped.

15. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag for the vehicle occupant restraining apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said tube-shaped body is circularly tube-shaped.

16-23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag according to claim 1, wherein said overlaid and folded portion formed on a front side of the main body is thicker than said overlaid and folded portion formed on a rear side of the main body.

25-26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag according to claim 1, wherein said ceiling plate comprises a first end that contacts said flat bottom plate and a second end separated from said flat bottom plate, and

wherein a slope of said ceiling plate continuously increases from said first end to said second end.

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28. (Previously Presented) The inflator bag according to claim 1, wherein opening faces on both sides of a tube-shaped body are blocked with end face plates and side face plates serving as a longitudinal side of said tube-shaped body and said end face plates make up gore portions.